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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, []

SUBJECT: Use of Consultants and Other Part-time Employees
in Connection with OSO Operations

1. It has been called to my attention that, in connection with OPC activities and projects, it has been considered necessary to utilize the services of experts on a part-time or consultant basis. It has been indicated that at least one of these persons may be used for OSO operations and "would necessarily become acquainted with the latter within the [] area." In order that the requisite security for intelligence operations be maintained at all times, I would like to ask that you review most closely any exposure of SO operations to other than regular staff members on a "need to know" basis. There is no intention to question the security or integrity of any of the persons used, it being assumed that full security clearances are obtained. I do wish to point out, however, that the exposure of the pattern of OSO operations or any specific operations to non-staff individuals is considered highly undesirable.

3. It is believed that this problem requires the most careful attention in view of the merger of SO and PC activities in []. Every precaution must be taken to insure that the insertion of temporary or part-time employees of any nature into PC activities is handled in such a fashion that there will be no disclosure of SO operations and/or facilities.

/s/ Lyman Kirkpatrick

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